



AAED COMMITTEES

AWARDS BANQUET - The Awards Banquet Committee plans the annual banquet at the Spring Conference. This committee is responsible for the theme, program development, preparation, and arrangements for the banquet.

AWARDS - The AAED Awards Committee determines awards criteria, nomination opportunities, and selection for the EDDE and Golden Prospector Awards. The EDDE Awards are presented at the AAED Spring Conference annually. The Golden Prospector Awards are presented at the AAED Fall Forum annually.

CORNHOLE - The Cornhole Committee plans the Cornhole Tournament, AAED's annual fundraiser. The committee is responsible for the setup, tournament format, and preparation details for the tournament.

EVENTS - The Events Committee designs programs to increase membership value through organization of networking opportunities and fostering involvement.

FALL FORUM - The Fall Forum Committee develops program details for the annual Fall Forum. This forum provides professional networking opportunities, educational workshops, and hosts knowledgeable speakers.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS - The Government Affairs Committee educates and informs Arizona Legislators and AAED members on economic development issues, develops policy statements, sponsors an annual legislative forum, and distributes legislative updates and advocacy alerts regarding crucial economic development related issues.

MEMBERSHIP - The Membership Committee develops programs to expand and broaden the value of AAED membership. This committee works to increase membership retention and new member attraction.

NORTHERN - The Northern Arizona Affinity Group designs programs to increase membership value and participation in Northern Arizona and educate about Northern Arizona issues.

PR/COMMUNICATION - The PR/Communications Committee acts as the steward for the AAED brand, voice, tone and image, and ensures that the organization has internal and external marketing and communications targeted at increasing membership, event attendance, and awareness of the organization.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION - The Professional Education Committee advises other committees on program content and makes IEDC professional development programs available to AAED members.

RURAL - The Rural Economic Development Affinity Group designs programs that benefit members in rural communities and monitors legislative issues that impact economic development in rural communities. The committee holds Rural Roundtables to discuss rural community issues and activities.

SOUTHERN - The Southern Arizona Affinity Group designs programs to increase membership value and participation in Southern Arizona and educate about Southern Arizona issues.

SPRING CONFERENCE - The Spring Conference Committee develops program details for the annual Spring Conference. This conference provides professional networking opportunities, educational workshops, and hosts knowledgeable speakers.

TRIBAL - The Tribal Economic Development Committee fosters productive relationships between AAED members and Native American communities within the State of Arizona.

WORKFORCE - The Workforce Development Affinity Group designs programs to educate AAED members and the public on workforce development issues across the state.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS - The Young Professionals Affinity Group is tasked with designing programs that enhance the experience of Young Professionals within AAED, as well as to create opportunities around Economic Development across the state for those entering the Economic Development profession.